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SUBJECT: PUBLIC DEBATE ON EGYPTIAN-SOVIET RELATIONS

SUMMARY. ASU MARXIST LEADER KHALID MUHI AL-DIN IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN BUILDING MEMBERSHIP FOR HIS LEFTIST GROUP AND IS URGING COOPERATION WITH MOSCOW. SPEAKER MAR'I, WHO SPEAKS FOR SADAT, HAS, PERHAPS AS CONSEQUENCE, PUBLICLY AND FORTHRIGHTLY WARNED AGAINST SOVIET SUBVERSION AND ANNOUNCED THAT ASU MUST TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION IF ANY OF ITS CONSTITUENT GROUPS VIOLATES SUCH BASIC ASU PRINCIPLES AS NECESSITY OF ABROGATING SOVIET-EGYPTIAN TREATY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN RECENT DAYS SENIOR GOE FIGURE, SPEAKER MAR'I, HAS PUBLICLY WARNED AGAINST COMMUNIST (IE.E., SOVIET-DIRECTED) SUBVERSION (CAIRO 4727). KHALID MUHI AL-DIN, IN HIS CAPACITY AS SYG OF LEFTIS ASU GROUP, HAS IMPLICITLY DEFENDED SOVIET POLICY IN EGYPT BY LAMENTING ABROGATION OF FRIENDSHIP TREATY (CAIRO 4856). THIS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ABOUT VALUE OF SOVIET RELATIONSHIP CONTINUES TO GET CONSIDERABLE PUBLIC EXPOSURE.

2. RIGHTIST DAILY AKHBAR APRIL 14, IN SELF-CONSCIOUS DEMOCRATIC GESTURE, DEVOTES ENTIRE PAGE TO EXPRESSION OF  
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FREE "NATIONALIST" OPINIONS, FEATURING KHALID'S REPLY

TO AN AKHBAR EDITORIAL WHICH HAD CRITICIZED HIM ON ABROGATION ISSUE. KHALID CLAIMS HIS DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR COOPERATION WITH MOSCOW WAS MADE SOLELY IN PERSONAL CAPACITY AND EMPHASIZES EGYPTIAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS ARE THE BUSINESS ONLY OF EGYPT. HE CALLED, HOWEVER, FOR SELF-RESTRAINT IN VIEW OF WIDE-RANGING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTERESTS SHARED BY CAIRO AND MOSCOW. HEDGING HIS BETS, HE EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR GOE VIEW THAT SINAI II IS "MERELY" STEP TOWARD LASTING AND JUST PEACE. AKHBAR CHAIRMAN, IN REBUTTAL, CHARGES KHALID'S STATEMENTS CONSTITUTE NO ONLY DEFENSE OF USSR BUT ALSO STRAIGHTFORWARD EXPRESSION OF KHALID'S MARXIST IDEOLOGY AND DISREGARD FOR EGYPTIAN INDEPENDENCE.

3. SPEAKER MAR'I CONTINUES LEAD GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN OF PUBLIC WARNING AGAINST SOVIETS. ADDRESSING ALEXANDRIA UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING STUDENTS APRIL 13, MAR'I CHARGED USSR HAS, SINCE ABROGATION, ENDEAVORED INCITE EGYPTIAN YOUTH, WORKERS, AND PEASANTS AGAINST GOE. IN MOST DIRECT ACCUSATION YET LEVIED AGAINST SOVIETS BY GOE, HE CITED COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA PAMPHLETS SEIZED RECENTLY FROM EGYPTIAN RETURNING FROM LEBANON (CAIRO 4103), WHICH HE SAID URGED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM FARMING, WORKING, AND INTELLECTUAL CLASSES TO OPPOSE SADAT REGIME. ASKED ABOUT KHALID'S OPPOSITION TO ABROGATION, SPEAKER REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE THREE ASU ORGANIZATIONS ARE BASED ON COMMON POLITICAL FRAMEWORK; IF ANY OF THEM VIOLATE THESE BASIC PRINCIPLES, ASU MUST INTERVENE TO RECTIFY THE ERROR. TOUCHING ON REPORTS OF LOCAL MARXIST EFFORTS RECRUIT MUSLIM FUNDAMENTALISTS TO ANTI-REGIME BANNER, MAR'I RECALLED FORCEFULLY THAT ISLAM "REFUTES" MARXISM.

4. COMMENT: IN RECENT DAYS, PRESS HAD REPORTED KHALID PLANS TRAVEL THROUGH EGYPT TO ENLIST MEMBERS FROM ALL CLASSES INTO HIS LEFTIST ASU GROUP. AT SAME TIME, HIS VIEWS HAVE BEEN DISSEMINATED THROUGHOUT EGYPT BY THEIR APPEARANCE IN MASS CIRCULATION DAILIES. THIS IN ITSELF MAY EXPLAIN MART'S FORCEFUL WARNING TO STUDENT GROUP. WHILE GOE IS ALLOWING KHALID TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS, PRIMIN AND SPEAKER, IN SADAT'S ABSENCE, HAVE BEEN KEEPING CLOSE PERSONAL WATCH ON HIS ACTIVITIES AND WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE. SINCE KHALID AND HIS EGYPTIAN COMMUNIST PARTY COLLEAGUES HAVE DECIDED THAT THEY WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THEIR VIEWS BY CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING WITHIN THE ASU SYSTEM, WE ASSUME THAT KHALID WILL NOT GO SO FAR IN HIS CRITICISMS THAT HE WILL FORCE GOE TO MUZZLE HIM ON THE OTHER THAND, WE CANNOT EXCLUDE THE EVENTUALITY THAT HE MAY WISH, FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES, TO EXPOSE THE REAL LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS WHICH EXIST IN THE NEW "PURE DEMOCRATIC" ASU FORUM CONCEPT. AT THE MOMENT, HE IS WALKING A POLITICAL TIGHTROPE.  
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